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International students find family far from home



MAURICIO CALDERA | THE COLLEGIAN

Georgina Perez, senior in pre-vet, gets the flag of her home country, Puerto Rico, painted on her face. Participating in extra-curricular activities may be a good way to adapt to the American culture.

By KENZIE CURRAN
THE COLLEGIAN

Imagine living in another country with a different language, culture and way of life. International students at K-State face these obstacles every day and many are away from family and friends for months, sometimes even years at a time.

Each year, the number of international students at K-State increases. Fall 2014 enrollment was up 141

students from last year according to the International Student Scholar Services. These students come from more than 100 countries on six continents.

During their time at K-State, international students endure many uncomfortable situations to obtain degrees and experiences that will make them stronger, more independent individuals.

Family: the K-State way

"The people are great," Carlos

Flores, sophomore in food science and industry from Puerto Rico, said. "They really prove why we're called a family. I think that's amazing."

For Hossam Fahmy, senior in architectural engineering from Egypt, the kindness of the people in Manhattan and the Midwest made K-State feel comfortable. Fahmy said that it's not something he sees in his cities in Egypt.

"Family: at the beginning when I read that I thought it was all marketing, but then I thought people

were really good with that," Guillermo Balboa, doctoral student in agronomy from Argentina, said. "When you go to the games and you see the passion that people put into all the games, I said 'Yeah, I feel a part of that now. Now I feel like a K-Stater.'"

Like many students, Balboa visited several schools before choosing K-State.

"This is the only university where I spent a whole week and got to experience the whole university, nobody else invited me to do that," he said.

International challenges

Many students find it most difficult to be submersed into a culture with a language they have little or no previous knowledge of. Nevertheless, they work very hard to learn English as quickly as they can to get the most out of their time here.

For those students to whom English was new, it was difficult in the beginning to start getting involved and feel comfortable talking to people.

"English is challenging to learn, because it's not very phonetic and it's a borrowed language," said Carolina Camacho, a former paraprofessional educator in English as a Second Language and current director of diversity programs at K-State.

"In my case I think of myself as an outgoing person, so I was not afraid of talking to people in English although I knew I was making lots of mistakes and I still do," Mario Orteza, graduate student in agricultural economics from Nicaragua, said.

In addition to learning a new language, international students then

must do their best to create relationships and find their place on campus.

"I like that people feel part of the university," Balboa said. "When you have a problem or an issue, you can go to the correct people to help you solve a problem and nobody will talk to you in a bad way. At the beginning, I was thinking that it was just to be polite, but also it's like a way to be here. It's common that people are. It's not fake. I feel comfortable."

For Abdulrahman Alkhairy, senior in political science and economics and Saudi Arabia native, the most challenging thing was learning to "adapt without knowing the rules of the game."

"Once I understood the rules of the game, it was a piece of cake," he said. "You just go by the rules and be who you are."

The International Student and Scholar Services hosts workshops for new or current international students that features information about U.S. culture issues, health care, weather and driving among other topics.

While international students are able to communicate with family more easily than ever before with video chat and cell phones, it can be very difficult to go without seeing their families for long periods of time. Despite the difficulties, they value their education and experiences here at K-State and know it is part of the deal.

"You must depend on yourself," Fahmy said. "You are responsible for taking care of yourself."

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Student body president is more than meets the eye

By KENZIE CURRAN
THE COLLEGIAN

According to Barry Flinchbaugh, agricultural policy professor, K-State Student Body President Reagan Kays "understands people."

"He genuinely cares," Flinchbaugh said. "That friendliness and caring is not put-on. Students can smell a phony from 10 miles away and so can he. I don't know anyone who doesn't like him. He has a way of telling you that you don't know what you're talking about and making you believe it."

At the age of 7, Kays learned a great deal of responsibility when his parents purchased a cow-calf pair for him and his brother. Additionally, the Kays brothers helped do chores at home while their parents managed their business, Joe Smith Company.

Kays attended St. Mary's Colgan Catholic Schools in Pittsburg, Kansas, and was very involved in sports and 4-H.

His statewide involvement in 4-H in high school opened the door for numerous opportunities, including Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. Kays met many friends through the organization who would attend

K-State as well. A third-generation K-State student, Kays studies agribusiness with minors in animal science industry and leadership studies.

"My parents believed in education; they both got animal science degrees and pushed us to do our best," Kays said.

Kays, senior in agribusiness, recalls his grandfather's words, "You can go anywhere you want to for school as long as it's K-State."

"I had his mama in class, and I knew his grandpa," Flinchbaugh said. "So he stood out in class right away. When I made the comment that I needed two students to be my assistants, he volunteered immediately."

Flinchbaugh said he spends a lot of time with his assistants each year, as they help him before, during and after class with course materials, grading and sometimes "burning the midnight oil."

Anyone who spends any amount of time around Kays will tell you he is hard working and efficient.

"You never need to hit him with a 2-by-4," Flinchbaugh said. "You just wave a twig at him, he straightens up right away."

Heather Reed, adviser to the Student Governing Association's executive branch, agrees that

Kays is on top of his work ethic.

"He approaches the role of student body president in the same positive and determined manner everyday," Reed said. "He has a great attitude. He is dedicated to working for the betterment of K-State students."

This year, Kays has been busy doing what he can to make sure students have a positive experience at K-State.

He and Vice President Cody Kennedy, senior in secondary education and mathematics, do as much as they can to help keep student expenses at K-State as low as possible.

Kays co-chairs the Tuition Strategies Committee in SGA and meets with Reed weekly to discuss current issues, progress on their platform and other challenges he faces as student body president.

They also meet with Pat Bosco, vice president of student life, and Cindy Bontrager, vice president of administration and finance, twice a month to discuss larger campus issues.

"I've learned more about how to work with people," Kays said. "Students have a big influence and Cody and I try to leverage that influence without stepping on anyone's toes."

To Reed, Kays' work on his

election platform issues has been nothing but successful.

"The Lifeline 911 medical amnesty policy will be going before student senate soon," Reed said. "He did a great job in working with students and campus partners to establish this policy, which has the support of all stakeholders."

Another of his challenges is OrgSync, a program supported by Kays and the student senate.

"OrgSync has greatly increased communication with all our student organizations and the Office of Student Activities and Services," Reed said.

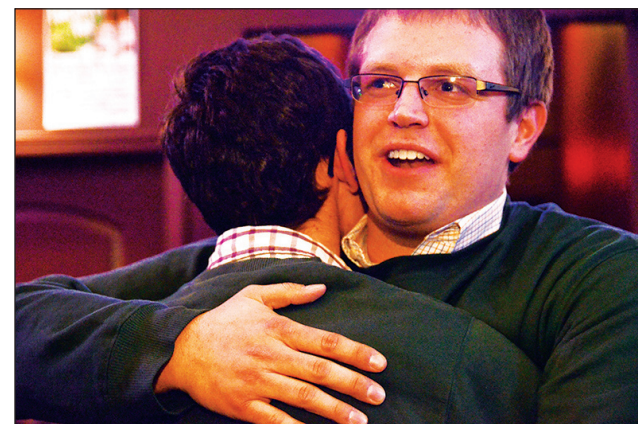
Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey advises Blue Key Honor Society and got to know Kays well when he served as president of that group.

"He's ingrained to work hard," McClaskey said. "I think it goes back to his roots in agriculture. When there's work to be done, he does it."

He also interned at the Kansas Department of Agriculture for a summer working for McClaskey.

She attributes his excellent leadership abilities in part to his compassion, character, integrity and strong faith.

As hard as he works, he won't take much credit.



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, celebrates after finding out he won the student body presidential election on Mar. 5, 2014.

"In terms of politics, my job is pretty easy," Kays said. "It's just promoting student life at K-State. Funding is the problem."

Despite the challenges he faces in his role as student body president, Kays is able to appreciate the positives. Every day, he sees firsthand how much support comes from people who care.

"I've really come to realize this year that there are a lot of people who really care a lot about the students at K-State," he said. "From staff to custodians to the president of the university, they all work really hard to make K-State so awesome."

Those individuals are not the only people with passion, though.

In high school, Kays and his brother Garrett, junior in agricul-

tural economics, started developing a pre-kindergarten agricultural literacy program at the largest day care center in Kansas to share their love of agriculture with the children. They brought animals to show the children and exposed them to basic agricultural knowledge.

"Some of those kids were blind, autistic, had never seen these animals before and were from all types of socio-economic backgrounds," Reagan Kays said. "It was awesome. I think I learned just as much or more than they did."

The sense of purpose the young men gained from this project would fuel their fires to

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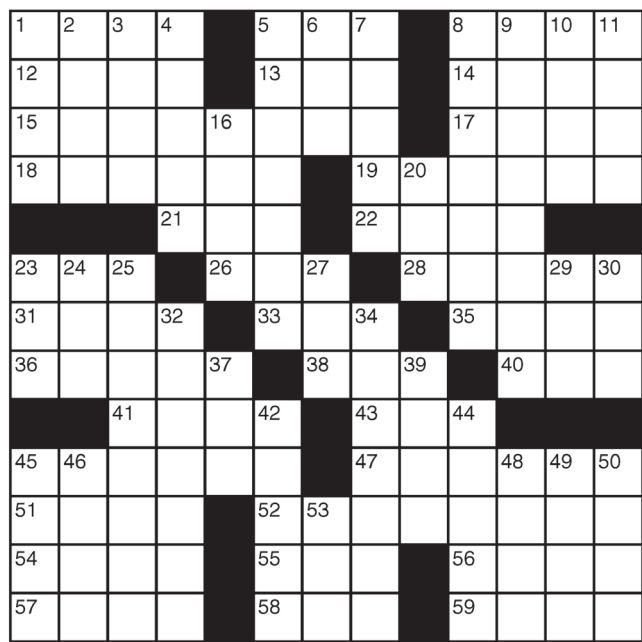
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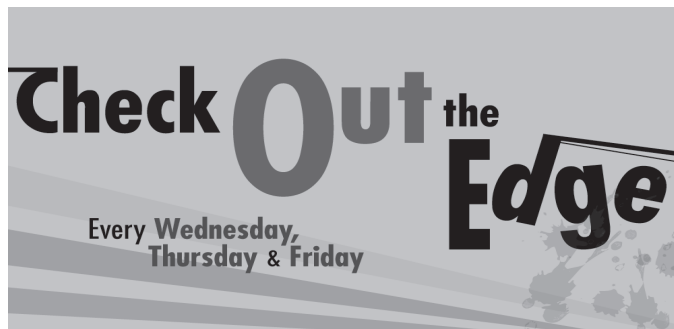
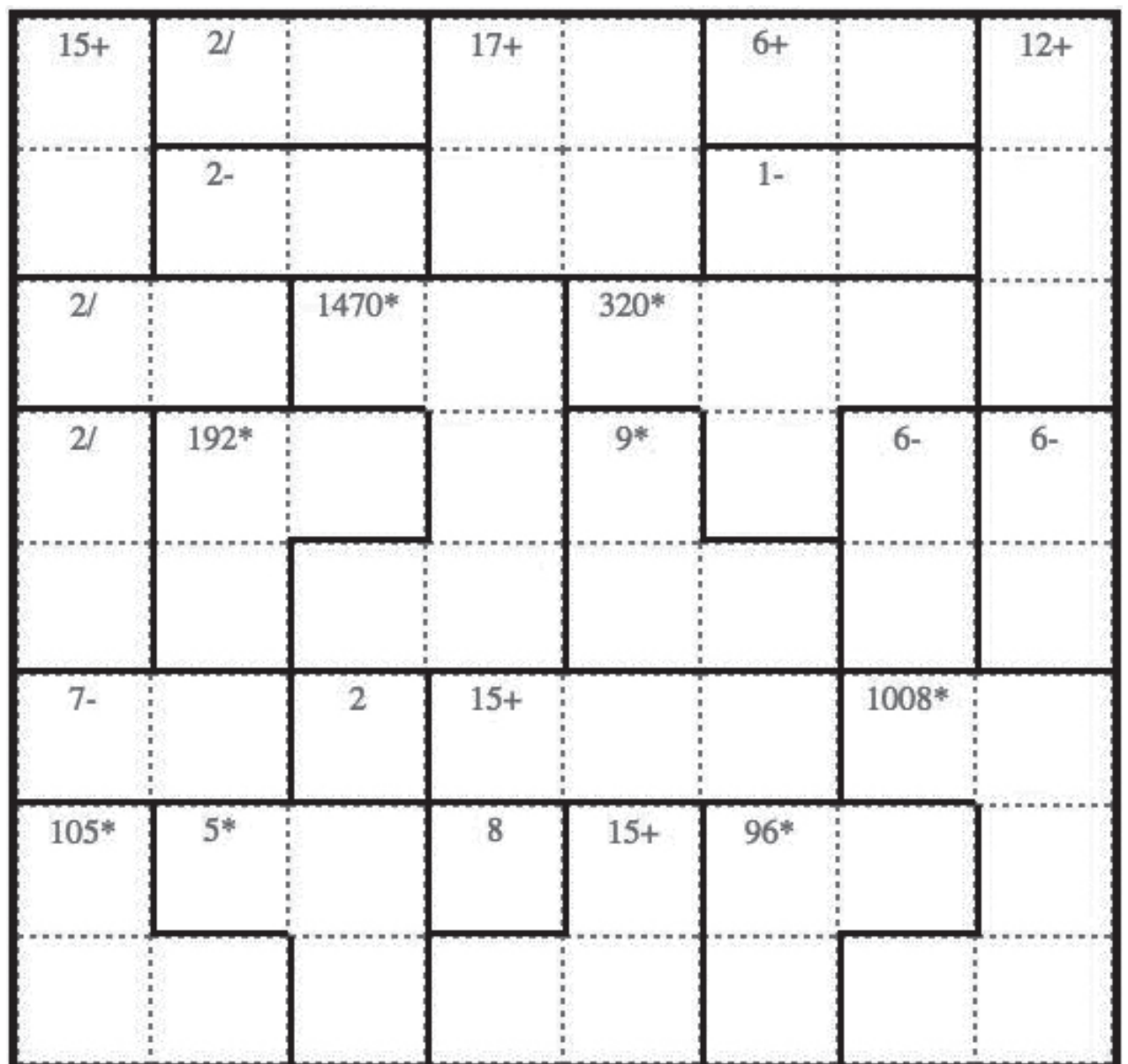
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Magistrate judge highlights racial, economic disparity within the court

By CHLOE CREAGER
THE COLLEGIAN

While serving Riley County as District Magistrate Judge since 2007, Sheila Hochhauser has noticed a pattern of minority underrepresentation within the legal system.

She explained in her observations in detail at the discussion “Justice for All Guarding Against Racial and Social Disparities in Kansas Law” hosted by the Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice at First Congregational Church Tuesday night, noting particular discrepancies in the number of minorities and people of lower economic status being charged in civil cases and representing themselves as pro se litigants.

“We need to put our heads together and figure out, ‘what can we do?’” Hochhauser said. “Because to me, that is the biggest problem with the legal system in gaining access to it; that people simply don’t have the money to hire a lawyer now ... They’re much more expensive than when I first came to to the bench, even.”

Hochhauser then noted a work of progress with the passing of the 1990s Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which resulted in criminal history and current offense being the only objects a judge can consider when hearing a case, helping to protect defendants from convictions based on poor economic circumstances.

Hochhauser also spoke of the lack of mental treatment facilities

in Kansas, particularly for adolescents. According to her, even if she does give someone an involuntary commitment to institutes such as Osawatomie State Hospital, they will not be provided appropriate long term care due to lack of space and staff.

When the floor was opened for questions, Hochhauser fielded questions about militarization of the police and the resulting increase in arrests made for crimes such as possession of marijuana. She said repeated military deploy-

ments are leading to more domestic legal issues, but that there is no more violence and crime among the military than in the general population.

The gap of minority representation was fully brought to light when, after being asked how many people serving in the legal system were minorities, Hochhauser said to the assembled crowd there were no attorneys of a minority race in Riley County.

Natasha Bailey, senior in family studies and human services,

humanities, women’s studies and pre-law, said she enjoyed the discussion.

“I thought it was a good perspective, it’s relieving to hear reactions from when you don’t often hear things from people who are legislating,” Bailey said.

Brenda Mayberry, coordinator of MAPJ, said she agreed with Hochhauser’s take on increasing amounts of arrests for relatively minor crimes.

“I thought it was very good, I think she was very right,” Mayberry

said. “I think there is a problem of diversity here ... From my perspective, funding from when the Reagan administration was waging the war on drugs (has led to) more and more funding for police militarization. So the want to arrest ... I think mediation needs to get in the minds of the police officers. To me, that’s the different attitude from when I was growing up ... I think (Hochhauser) is right, we have to use different (court) systems for different things. I think the more we can do that, the better.”



NICHOLAS CADY | THE COLLEGIAN
Attendees of the potluck dinner enjoy friendly conversation on Wednesday.

Local boutiques offer trendy apparel, different shopping experience

By EMILY DYE
THE COLLEGIAN

A great amenity that the Little Apple offers is the wide variety of small businesses located in Aggieville and downtown Poyntz Avenue. Among these small businesses are several boutiques that are unique to Manhattan and surrounding college towns. The benefits of shopping at local boutiques can include diversity in consumer choices, better customer service and store profits tend to help the surrounding community.

On the other hand, some shoppers find there are multiple downsides of shopping at boutiques, such as higher-priced items and clothing pieces are made out of materials that are a pain to clean. The big question is do the benefits of local boutiques outweigh the negative aspects of the stores?

When walking into a chain store you will likely know ahead of time what types of items you are going to come across. This is because the same clothing items tend to be in the store for a longer period of time. On the other hand, when you walk into smaller boutique stores, this kind of feeling may be more of a rarity. Boutiques tend to purchase lower quantities and more of a variety of individual pieces. Allison Heinen, freshman in kinesiol-



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Kieu’s, located at the corner of Fifth and Poyntz downtown, is a boutique that offers the latest clothing, shoes and accessories at affordable prices.

ogy, said she enjoys shopping at local boutiques.

“You don’t have to worry that the clothes you buy are being worn by everyone else in the world,” Heinen said. “The clothing pieces also tend to add more character and diversity to your wardrobe.”

Boutiques are designed to keep up with ever changing trends, and, as a result, it is commonly thought that shopping at local boutique’s come at a higher price for your wallet. That being said, Gabrielle

Burman, manager at Fortuity (331 Poyntz Ave.), said she disagrees.

“At Fortuity, we know our market is in a college town; therefore, we try to make the merchandise as affordable as possible for our customers,” Burman said. “The clothing items that are available are meant to be trendy and to help shoppers create their own personal styles.”

Many individuals find that shopping at boutiques enables them to have better

customer service experiences and is a major reason for shopping locally. Even store owners like Lindsay Hufnagal of The Boutique at 121 S. Fourth St., will attest to this fact.

“Shoppers receive tailored customer service, many times coming straight from the shop owner who also happens to be the merchandise or service expert,” Hufnagal said. “They are also able to form a lasting and trustworthy relationship.”

Some students who shop

at boutiques have noticed, though, that it seems many of the clothes are more high maintenance when it comes to be handled and washed. This can be extra work for

any type of clothing store even big name retailers like Nordstrom’s.”

Despite boutiques’ reputation for higher prices and clothing that is difficult to

“Shopping local keeps more money in the local economy, benefiting infrastructure, our safety through police (and) fire departments and our parks and leisure activities.”

LINDSAY HUFNAGAL
STORE OWNER, THE BOUTIQUE

those who buy at boutiques.

“The downside of buying certain articles of clothing from boutiques comes when you have to go home and wash them,” Heinen said. “It seems as though some items can be more difficult and more of a hassle to wash than others.”

However, Burman said she believes that this is a misconception about boutiques in particular. Any clothing store big or small will have clothing made out of different materials. Washing and drying instructions will tend to differ on each piece of clothing, no matter where customers shop.

“It is very important to pay close attention to clothing labels and washing instructions because all articles of clothing could have different washing needs,” Burman said. “This is the same for

care for, many individuals support them because a lot of the profit made by the stores is dispersed back into the community.

“It is important to shop local for so many reasons,” Hufnagal said. “Shopping local keeps more money in the local economy, benefiting infrastructure, our safety through police (and) fire departments and our parks and leisure activities. Local businesses are also the ones being asked over and over to donate to local charities, youth activities and school functions.”

Each person will have their own preference on whether or not they prefer to shop locally at boutiques. It is important to weigh the pro’s and con’s and decide for yourself if spending money on the boutique experience is right for you.

Slightly sarcastic horoscopes from Madam LoCoco



IRIS LOCOCO
THE COLLEGIAN

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Admire the power of music to take you away to a different place. For example, your roommate listens to the same Nickelback album on repeat, so now you have to look for a different place to live.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Although you reserve the right to change your mind often, don’t expect your barista to keep with your extreme and uncharacteristic mood swings at 8 a.m.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Don’t let financial considerations stand in your way, Aries. You’re only a few grand larceny attempts away from achieving your dreams.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20):

A little inter-office romance might be in the air this week ... and on the furniture. Ugh ... the stars suggest avoiding the far right cushion on that couch in your boss’ office.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

The weekend will certainly open doors for you Gemini if you happen to be single ... multiple doors, depending on how many times you order pizza.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Where there is a will, a corkscrew and a suitably large supply of wine, there is a way.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

This week, you will entirely miss the point of something truly inspiring and brilliant.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Your will of iron has you convinced that you can take on anything this week. Your body of carbon and oxygen and other elements is all like, “Nah, man.”

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Your relentless Libra optimism will celebrate a momentary victory while your skepticism quietly measures it for its casket.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

A great new idea for investing may bring monetary rewards, very likely with little work involved on your part, especially if you collaborate with an Aries.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Take off the pity party dress and stop dancing, Sagittarius. That song ended long ago.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

The excitement of starting something can be exhilarating, but you lack the drive to see most tasks through to a satisfactory end. But you don’t have to take the stars’ word for it — just ask your girlfriend.

K-State unable to handle West Virginia press at home

By TIMOTHY EVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, or so the saying goes. Tuesday, that beholder was West Virginia head coach Bob Huggins.

"I thought it was beautiful," Huggins said after West Virginia topped K-State 65-59. "I've never had a ugly game."

For the home fans who witnessed the loss to the Mountaineers, the game was anything but beautiful.

"That's just how West Virginia tends to play," K-State head coach Bruce Weber said. "Huggins has got guys and he's getting them to play how he wants. He didn't really like his team last year. (Now) he's got some guys and he just rotates them and they keep coming at you. If you can deal with it, then you're in good shape."

K-State (12-9, 5-3) and West Virginia (17-3, 5-2) combined for 45 total turnovers and 54 fouls. Those numbers shaped the landscape of what was, from the onset, an extremely physical, defensive-laden game.

"I've never played a game like that before," sophomore guard Marcus Foster said. "It was kind of like a fight, you know. One punch is being thrown and another punch is being thrown back. It was a fight the whole game."

Foster, who led all scorers Tuesday, came on strong in the second half, scoring 12 of his 15 total points. However, it was not enough

to overcome West Virginia's full-court press tactics and, at times, horrendous free-throw shooting on the part of the home team.

K-State jumped out to a early 7-1 lead in the first half Tuesday before West Virginia implemented its patented press.

It was an obstacle that left the Wildcats baffled throughout the duration of the game. K-State was whistled for five-second calls on numerous occasions, as well as a 10-second call in the first half.

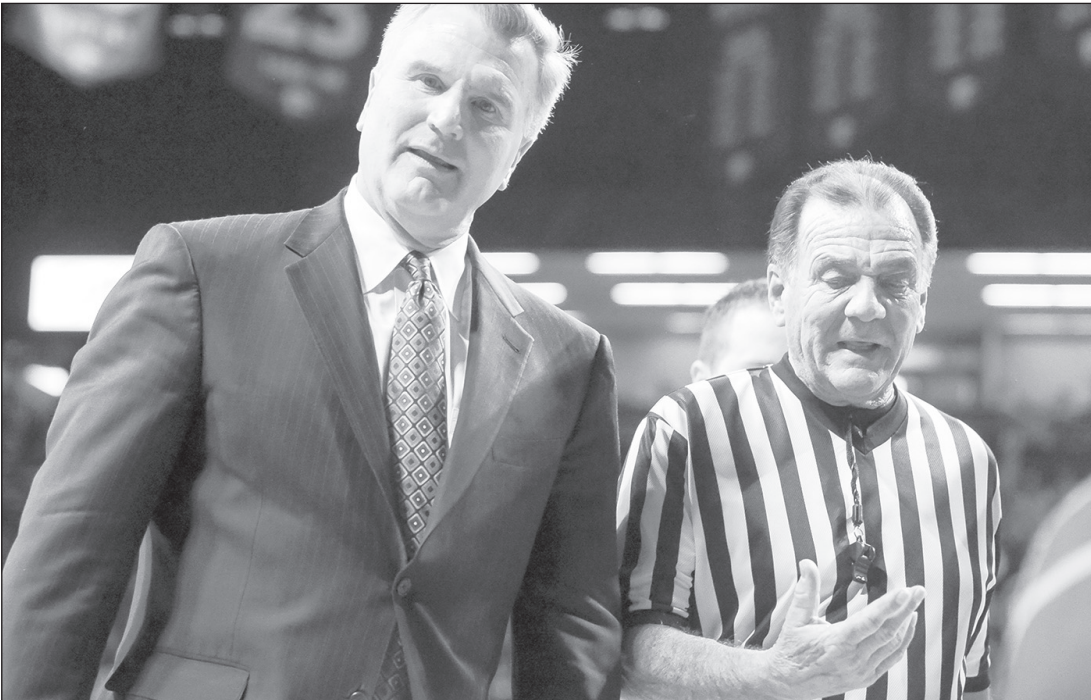
"You have to cut," Weber said. "Some of it's running the baseline. You try to simulate it in practice and it's hard. As coaches, we've faced it many years, but when you only face it once in your conference and you haven't gone through it, it's tough to simulate."

K-State was forced to play a major stretch of the game without senior forward Nino Williams, who went down in the first half with a knee injury that kept him out for the remainder of the game.

"He only played eight minutes," Weber said. "He has been our leading scorer, best player and senior leader. It also puts a lot of strain on Malek (Harris). We do not know. He tweaked his knee. We will find out more tomorrow what is really wrong with it. Hopefully it is not a season-ending thing."

Despite 26 turnovers in the game, the Wildcats were able to keep it within arms length throughout the contest, never trailing West Virginia by more than nine points.

"We threw it back to them so that helped," Huggins said. "The guy on the other bench over there knows what he is doing. The



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Head coach **Bruce Weber** is stupefied talking to a referee as he walks into the tunnel at halftime of K-State's brutal 59-65 loss to West Virginia on Tuesday in Bramlage Coliseum. According to the officials, 54 personal fouls were committed between the two teams in the game, equivalent to an average rate of a foul every 44 seconds.

coaching in this league is incredible. They took us out of all kinds of things that we normally run. They were extremely well prepared. They are a good basketball team."

Inconsistent shooting at the charity stripe ultimately hurt the home team down the stretch. K-State went from a respectable 10-13 in the first half to hitting 10-22 in the second half. Comparatively, The Mountaineers were also 10-13 in the first half, but went on

to only miss five throughout the rest of the game.

In the second half with around 6:10 to go, the Wildcats had cut the West Virginia lead to three, and had the momentum and crowd noise on their side. K-State played solid defense as the crowd noise reached its apex, but everything was cut down in a hurry by a cold-blooded jumper by senior guard Juwan Staten.

"I thought that one possession defensively was as good as

we could play, and then Staten hit that corner jumper," Weber said. "We might have rotated every guy two or three times and kept making plays, but, you know, that's a dagger. When you jump up and make a tough shot like that, that's why he's a good player."

Things hardly get easier for the Wildcats, as they travel east to take on in-state rival and conference leader No. 9 Kansas in Lawrence on Saturday. Tipoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Unseasonably warm weather coaxed many students out of their winter coats and into the sun this week. In fact, today is supposed to reach a high of 70 F, so get outside while you can – we'll be seeing tempatures drop approx. 20 degrees on Thursday.

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Abby Sweeney, freshman in family studies and human services, plays with a frisbee with her friends on the lawn of the Boyd Hall on Tuesday. Manhattan experienced higher than average temperatures this week, with Tuesday reaching around 65 F.

Stephen Bregande, freshman in architecture, balances on a slackline set up on campus on Tuesday. Bregande worked on different techniques on the line including a 180 degree jump while keeping his balance.



K-State aiming for a win as Cowgirls come to town

By RYAN PORTER
THE COLLEGIAN

K-State women's basketball welcome Oklahoma State to Bramlage Coliseum tonight, seeking vengeance for a loss to the Cowgirls earlier in the season.

The Wildcats (11-7, 1-6) last collided with Oklahoma State (12-6, 2-5) on Jan. 14 in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where the home team rode a dominant second-half performance to a 69-47 win.

In that meeting, an early start for Oklahoma State created too big of a hole for the Wildcats to climb out of. The Cowgirls started the game on a 16-4 run and maintained the lead the entire game.

Oklahoma State's Liz Donohoe dominated in the win, recording a double-double with 15 points and 10 re-

bounds.

Tonight is a must win for head coach Jeff Mittie and company. K-State enters last in the Big 12 and is currently riding a four-game losing streak.

The Wildcats have not secured a win since they were victorious over the Kansas Jayhawks on Jan. 11 at Bramlage Coliseum. K-State trailed for much of the game, though, mounting a late comeback during the second half to tally a win against its in-state rival.

K-State's latest loss came in Waco, Texas this past weekend to the third-ranked team in the country in Baylor. The Bears used two double-digit runs to cruise by K-State 68-46 despite the best efforts from senior Haley Texada.

However, the Cowgirls, too, enter on a losing streak of their own. Oklahoma

State has lost three-straight games to Big 12 opponents, as they prepare for a two-game road trip beginning in Manhattan.

Oklahoma State will look to hang its hat on the recent form of junior guard Brittney Martin, who is coming off a 15-point, nine-rebound performance in the Cowgirls' loss to TCU on Saturday. Martin has had a solid year for her team, leading Oklahoma State in scoring and rebounds.

Meanwhile, K-State, despite its struggles of late, has seen production from the bench. In the loss to Baylor, Texada and Ashia Woods combined for 20 points on 8-18 shooting.

Texada's return to the court has been more than welcomed. The senior suffered a scary injury to her neck during the Sunflower Showdown. She is

third overall in scoring for K-State and is averaging the second-best 3-point percentage for the Wildcats.

Kindred Wesemann will also look to continue her success of late. The sophomore guard is averaging 7.2 points per game this season, including a 13.5 average in K-State's last two games.

A win over the Cowgirls will give K-State its 150th Big 12 victory while surpassing the Wildcats' win total from 2013-14. K-State can also break a 31-31 all-time series deadlock with Oklahoma State.

Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. from Bramlage Coliseum.

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Senior guard **Haley Texada** maneuvers around defenders on Nov. 14, 2014 at Bramlage Coliseum. Texada was 2-2 at the free throw line.



KAYS | Advocating for agriculture

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continue on a larger scale.

"We had a great time educating these young kids about agriculture and learned the importance of taking agriculture to those who hadn't been reached yet," Garrett Kays said.

Now, the brothers advocate for agriculture on a higher level.

Reagan Kays said the agriculture senate at K-State sits as a group during meetings and even meets outside of that to discuss

important issues in agriculture and provide information for students who want to know more.

"I just present the facts and fill in wherever they have questions," Reagan Kays said. "Students from all over the world understand that they can ask me questions."

He enjoys getting a global perspective himself and has traveled to seven countries and anticipates an eighth in the spring.

Some of these trips have

been faculty-led study tours, but his most fond memory is the summer he studied abroad for six weeks at the Czech University of Life Sciences in the Czech Republic and traveled in Europe the remainder of time.

Reagan Kays encourages those thinking about going abroad to "go beyond the faculty led trip and get your feet wet. Get immersed in the culture. You have to fend for yourself a little bit. I gained a lot of independence do-

ing that."

While traveling is one of his favorite hobbies, there's nothing quite like spending Saturdays at Bill Snyder Family Stadium and watching Wildcat football. He also enjoys being home with his family and taking in rural life.

Reagan Kays said he wants to continue raising cattle for the rest of his life and there's no doubt he's capable.

"We always see him as a student and a leader and very knowledgeable about what's going on here on campus, but to me one of the coolest things about Reagan is that he has an incredible

memory regarding the cattle that we've grown up producing," Garrett Kays said. "He can remember the sires and lineage regarding the herd, even though we're in Manhattan nine months of the year and gone doing other things in the summer."

Reagan Kays understands the importance of family and cherishes the time he was able to spend getting to know his grandparents while they were alive.

"A lot of kids in my generation don't know how to interact with older people," he said. "They don't realize how cool that interaction is."

In his grandparents' stead, Reagan Kays developed a grandfather-grandson-like relationship with Flinchbaugh.

"He kids me now that both of his grandfathers are gone now, so I'm his substitute grandpa," Flinchbaugh said. "So I try to give him advice on all kinds of things."

And the bond between the two men is strong indeed.

"I wrote in his letter for law school that he was a future Kansas governor or senator," Flinchbaugh said. "If he wants to do it, he has the skills to. If his folks would let me, I'd take him home as a son."

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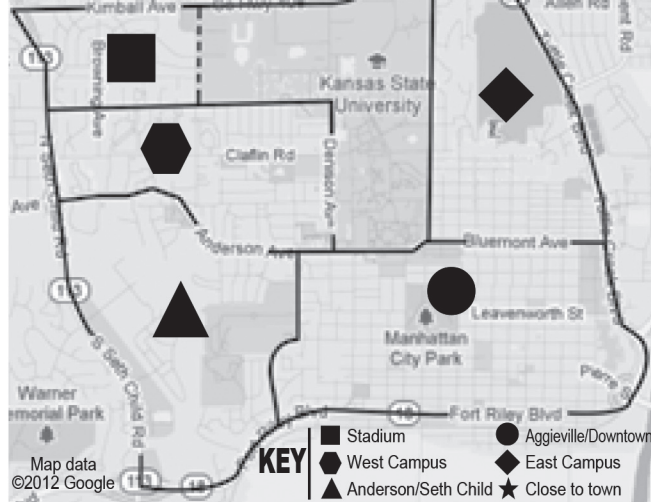
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Start getting those spring break savings early

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While spring break might still seem far away, planning ahead is key to having the most fun you can while not breaking the bank. Start planning what you will do, how you will get there, what it will cost and any additional spending money you will need for it. Here are some easy tips to get you started.

Compare flight prices When picking your flight, be sure to shop around for the best prices. Clearing your browser history before multiple trips to the website to check prices can help

prevent web algorithms from raising prices on a second visit to pressure customers into buying too quickly or without further research. Some sites to look at for comparing travel prices are:

- www.kayak.com
- www.expedia.com
- www.priceline.com
- www.amtrak.com
- www.greyhound.com
- us.megabus.com/ (though there's no stations in Kansas, it can help with a connecting trip)

Oftentimes, taking a bus, train or driving will be largely cheaper than taking a flight, but will take longer. Consider cutting costs by sacrificing a little time.

Also keep in mind that prices tend to go up as the date of the trip approaches. Getting a jump on buying tickets can save you a lot of money.

Compare hotel prices Most of the travel sites listed above also offer hotel comparisons and discounts. Make sure to research the cost it would be to buy them separately before assuming that the bundle is cheaper. Hotels.com is a good site to compare prices. It has deals every now and then, and for certain hotels they offer a punch card system for booking through their site where you get a free stay after ten nights booked. Since a hotel can sometimes just be a place to sleep at night, consider booking a lower-cost hotel instead of one that has a lot of amenities.

Set a limit on your spending Once you have your expenses covered for traveling and lodging it is also important to set a limit for yourself on how much you are going to spend during the trip. Things like gas, air fare and lodging are set prices but meals, souvenirs and entertainment can also be very expensive additional costs. Limit yourself to a certain amount of money to spend during the trip. A good way of doing this is to have a certain amount of cash on hand specifically for the additional trip expenses and to avoid using debit or credit cards so you don't overspend.

Make SMART goals to save up for the trip They should be specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. Determine

how much you will need for the trip and set a specific amount of money to put away for a specific period of time (each month, each paycheck, etc.), that can fit in your budget and get you the amount needed in time. This will require a good budget to know how much you can afford to set aside each month. Consider stashing away any holiday or birthday money towards it as well.

Going on break, for the most part, is expensive. But planning ahead and saving money where possible could allow you to have fun but still stay in healthy financial shape when you get back.

Christyne Stephenson is a peer counselor for Powercat Financial Counseling.

INTERNATIONAL | Assistant dean helps those stepping out of comfort zones

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Overcoming obstacles

Sometimes it can be difficult for international students to feel at home when they face discrimination.

"Some people are accepting and some are not," Alkhiary said. "It is not up to me to choose how someone thinks about me. Your fingers are not all the same, therefore not all people are the same."

According to Alkhiary, the best way to deal with discrimination and diversity is "keeping an open mind. You're not going to become a better person

if you're not going to keep an open mind."

International students here see the value of exposing themselves to different cultures and broadening their horizons.

"I have enjoyed meeting new people and expanding my horizons," Ortez said. "I personally think it all narrows down to the approach you take when you come to this country and the mindset you have. I talk for my self and other friends here in the U.S. that are not from here and I'm not afraid to say we all have had a great time."

"In the business world when we graduate, things are

not going to be the way you want them to be all the time," Flores said. "A lot of people just decide to stay home. 'I could have stayed home and went to the University of Puerto Rico, but I decided to go out there and explore.'"

Flores didn't waste any time in getting involved; he is a member of the Agriculture Student Senate as a sophomore.

"I'm very passionate about serving people," Flores said. "That's why I'm here. I also heard there was a lack of diversity and minorities in the student senate so I decided to take action."

Benefits

Students who come to the U.S. to study are sometimes surprised at the many other cultures brought here by students from other countries.

"In the United States you find not only U.S. culture, but a lot of other cultures as well," Balboa said. "For example, in this building, we have people from China and Brazil."

It is common for international students from different countries to become close because of their mutual differences.

"When I came here, it wasn't to study all the time, it's

good to spend some time with people on the weekends talking about other things," Balboa said.

Many students, foreign and domestic, accredit Zelia Wiley, assistant dean for Diversity Programs, for their success in stepping outside their comfort zone.

"Students will come visit me in the office just to chat or step in from the cold to get warm before heading to class," Wiley said. "I also help them with any paperwork they're not sure about."

While building relationships is important, education is the main reason students come

to K-State. Ann Burger, ISSS student support coordinator, said many other countries put a high value on an American education.

"If I go back to Argentina, with a Ph.D. from here, I can get more good jobs because they recognize the quality Ph.D. from the U.S.," Balboa said. "I'm happy here. I get great advice. That is one of the most important things. If you work for a big name person, they cannot give you the attention you need. I like the experience of being here, I think I made a great selection."

STATE BRIEFS

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Pat Roberts introduces bi-partisian bill to protect rural hospitals

Sen. Pat Roberts introduced a bill to protect critical access hospitals and their patients by eliminating a new "condition of payment" rule from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services, according to the Junction City Post.

The rule, which currently requires physicians in rural CAHs to predict and limit a patient's stay to within 96 hours. Roberts said the rule compels doctors to predict the unknown and damages the doctor-patient relationship.

The main issue of contention would be whether the hospital would be reimbursed if the patient's condition changes and cannot be discharged within the 96 hours.

The bill is being backed by prominent Democratic and Republican senators including Jon Tester (D-Montana), Deb Fischer (R-Nebraska) and Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi).

Kansas House moves to stop late night sessions, bill bundling

Kansas House members are moving to ban post-midnight sessions of their chamber and make it harder for lawmakers to bundle multiple bills into pieces of legislature, according to the Little Apple Post.

The measure, which got first-round approval on Tuesday would prevent the chamber from being in session between midnight and 8 p.m. unless two-thirds of the members allow it.

The House also gave first round approval to rules that would prevent negotiators from the two chambers from combining two or more bills into a single measure.

Final action on both rules will take place on today. The Senate must also approve the set of rules as well.

Kansas measure would boost penalties for burglaries

The state Senate is considering a bill that would increase penalties for home burglaries, according to the Junction City Post.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said the measure was required as burglary victims were frustrated that perpetrators often got off with probation.

The Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee held a hearing on Tuesday about the measure. The bill would make a potential prison sentence for any home burglary six months longer for a first time offender for a maximum of 19 months.

According to Thompson, while it is unknown how the measure would impact prison populations in the state, a proposed amendment would aim to make up for the issue. The amendment would downgrade offenses such as shoplifting to misdemeanors and reduce penalties for repeat offenders of those crimes.

Marijuana issue to feature on April ballot in Wichita

Following a petition which received thousands of signatures, Wichita voters will get the opportunity to ease penalties on first-time marijuana offenders, according to the Little Apple Post.

Current marijuana laws in Kansas make it illegal to possess any amount of marijuana, even small amounts. First-time offenders are charged with a class-A misdemeanor punishable with up to a \$2,500 fine, a year in jail or both.

The proposal makes a first-time marijuana offense a criminal infraction with a \$50 fine and a summons or citations rather than an arrest. If convicted, it can be expunged after 12 months if the offender stays out of legal trouble. The proposal would only impact offenders 21 years old or older carrying 32 grams or less of marijuana.

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